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MEMORIAL-
DAY
CHANGED - As most of you probably already know, the day on which Memorial Day is to be observed has been changed from Thursday, May 30 to Monday, May 27. This change gives us a nice 3-day weekend to observe the holiday rather than 1 day during the week.

SOFTBALL-
SEASON
BEGINS - The 1985 State Employees Softball season begins May 8 with a game against the Bureau of Labor at DOC's homefield, AMHI #2. All DOC employees, spouses and children are eligible to play. This is a "fun" softball league and everyone who wants to play will get a chance, regardless of experience or ability. If you'd like a game schedule or want more information, contact Steve Oliveri or Tony St. Peter at 289-2791, or Carol Holden at 289-3061.

BOSTON -
MARATHON - Range Ponds Park Manager John Titus recently competed in the 89th annual Boston Marathon. Although his finishing time of 3 hours, 20 minutes was considered slow, John was "determined to finish", despite problems with heat and humidity. Runners in his age group had to complete a previous marathon in under 2 hours, 50 minutes in order to qualify.

DEPUTY -
COMMISSIONER
MOVES ON - Annee Tara, Deputy Commissioner for the past 3 years, left the Department on Friday, April 26 to begin working for the consulting firm, Maine Tomorrow, located in Hallowell. Annee was given a farewell party at Commissioner Anderson's home on Sunday with approximately 30 people in attendance to wish her well in her new position. Annee will be missed by everyone but will hopefully pop in now and then to say hi since she won't be too far away.

BIG -
"A" - The second phase of the public hearing on Great Northern Paper Company's proposed Big 'A' Hydroelectric Project is scheduled to begin April 29 at 8:00 a.m. in the Gardiner Armory. Since April 1st, LURC members and staff have listened to presentations by GNP, intervenors and State agencies in Millinocket. They have also heard cross-examination of witnesses. Intervenors opposing the project will make direct presentations and be cross-examined in Gardiner. LURC members and staff have inspected Great Northern's plant facilities and are scheduled to be given a raft trip down a portion of the project area sometime in May. They are hoping to finish the hearing sometime in the middle of May.

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PERSONNEL NEWS - Maurice Webster, who has been working with Franklin Sargent as an Account Clerk I for a short time, has accepted a position at Public Safety as an Accountant I. Good luck, Maurice...Ken Meyer has been hired as Park Manager II for the West Branch of the Penobscot; Ken was Park Manager I at Pemaquid...Stu Wagner has been promoted from Park Manager I at Grafton Notch to Park Manager II at Rangeley Lakes. Congratulations to Ken and Stu!

VACATIONS - Andy Tolman and family vacationed recently with relatives at Great Falls, VA. Andy reports that the Smithsonian Institute is still as fascinating as ever...Carol Holden is vacationing in South Carolina this week...Carolyn Lepage caught the last of spring skiing in Aspen, Colorado.

PILOT COMMENDED - Tom Parent, Southern Region Ranger, received a letter of thanks recently for the "tremenous job the MFS helicopter [and pilot] did to avert a much more serious and destructive fire in the city of Portland on March 26." With six private dwellings and twenty-five to thirty condominiums in eminent danger by a fire driven by 30-35 MPH winds, the helicopter, piloted by Harold Jones, dropped its payload in the path of the rapidly moving fire to allow the ground forces time to set up defenses. The letter, written by Deputy Fire Chief Donald Brown, stated that Harold's abilities are beyond description. Good job, Harold!

PARK MANAGER RETURNS Bill Elliot, seasonal park manager at Peaks-Kenny State Park recently returned from Utah where he was working as a State park ranger. Bill and his wife Joyce had purchased a travel trailer and had planned on travelling throughout the country looking for a year round position in park management when the park ranger job in Utah came up. During their travels, Bill and Joyce visited many state and national parks. They have returned to Peaks-Kenny State Park and are looking forward to their eighth year there. After their seasonal layoff this year, they will again begin their search for the perfect year-round position in park management.

SPRING MEETINGS - The annual Spring Park Managers Meeting is being held this week at Squaw Mountain. The training's emphasis this year is on safety...The Allagash Wilderness Waterway Spring Meeting was held in Millinocket April 23 - 26. Topics included forestry practices in the Waterway, search and rescue procedures and fire control.

PHOTO CONTEST - Enclosed with this week's check is a blue sheet announcing the 1985 DOC Employee's Photo Contest. If you threw it out thinking it was nothing important, you may want to retrieve it and read it over. There are some nice prizes involved.